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FRENCH ATTACKS REPULSED, HEAVY LOSSES SAYS BERLIN

TWO FRENCH NIGHT ATTACKS AT ARRAS AND ATTACK NORTH OF BADONVILLER LAST NIGHT WERE UNSUCCESSFUL FOR FRENCH WHO SUSTAINED HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE.

High Winds at Dardanelles Keep Allied Warships at Anchor—News Dispatch Says Only Secondary Forts at Dardanelles have Suffered from Fire of Allied Warships, the Larger Forts Remaining Intact—Paris Reports Violent German Attacks in Argonne District Repulsed—Officers and Crew of French Battleship Bouvet Went to their Death Standing at Salute—United States May Take Odenwald, which is Being Held at San Juan, Porto Rico.

Berlin, March 23.—An official statement says: Two French night attacks at Arras were repulsed. An attack northeast of Badonville was also unsuccessful, the French sustaining heavy losses of life.

Hostile aviators again threw bombs upon Ostend, killing and wounding several Belgians. A French aviator was shot down northeast of Verdun. Two French airmen were also forced to land at Freiburg, where they were captured.

The Germans are pursuing the Russians who have been driven from Mehl, East Prussia.

High Winds at Dardanelles

Paris, March 23.—An official statement says the Germans bombarded Rheims yesterday. An aviator dropped bombs there, killing three civilians. In the Argonne district, two violent German attacks were repulsed. High winds at Dardanelles yesterday prevented the allied fleet from leaving anchorage.

A news dispatch says that only the secondary defense of the straits has suffered from the bombardment, the larger forts remaining intact.

The officers and crew of the French battleship Bouvet, which was sunk in the Dardanelles, on March 18, were standing at salute, shouting 'Vive la France,' as they went down with the ship, says a news dispatch.

May Forfeit to U. S.

Washington, D. C., March 23.—Proceedings under the neutrality resolution of the last congress, will be brought against the captain or owners of the American liner Odenwald for attempting to leave San Juan, Porto Rico, Sunday without clearance papers. Forfeiture of the vessel to the United States is among the possible penalties.

Many Killed by Bandits.

New York, March 23.—A cablegram received here from Tiflis, says Urmiah in northwestern Persia, had been plundered by bandits and a great many people killed, many women being taken captives. The French mission there was destroyed. Fifteen thousand refugees are said to have taken refuge in the American mission there.

Freight Traffic Stopped.

London, March 23.—A dispatch to the Central News says the Italian cabinet has stopped all railway traffic with Germany by way of Switzerland.

Open Up Vast Territory.

Petrograd, March 23.—The Novoe Vremya says the fall of Przemyel decides the fate of the whole Hapsburg empire and Germany. Nothing now prevents the Russian advance to Uzeck and Lupkow passes in the heart of the Carpathians.

Seizure of Dacia Valid.

Paris, March 23.—The French commission appointed to inquire into the capture of the American ship Dacia, declares the seizure valid. The case now goes to the prize court.

WEATHER FORECAST

New Orleans, La., March 23.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight is fair and not so cold in the western portion; Wednesday partly cloudy and warmer.

COTTON FIRE AT GALVESTON

Nearly Thousand Bales Destroyed Saturday Afternoon.

Galveston, Texas, March 22.—Damage estimated at between \$20,000 and \$25,000, was done when the fire swept through the center compartment of the old sheds of the Merchants and Planters Compress and Warehouse Company damaging nearly 1,000 bales of cotton yesterday afternoon shortly after 5 o'clock. Prompt action of the fire department is believed to have prevented a disastrous fire. The blaze was confined wholly to the compartment in which the fire originated. About 2,500 bales were stored in the adjoining sheds, according to J. M. Smith, general manager.

FISHING POLES AND GARDEN TOOLS NEXT

FISHERMEN AND GARDENERS ARE GETTING THEIR IMPLEMENTS IN SHAPE FOR SPRING CAMPAIGN.

Winter has lingered in the lap of spring as long as she could reasonably expect to, and now, after the snow of yesterday and the balmy atmosphere of today, as soon as the sun dispels the clouds and warms the earth, the green grass will make its appearance, and the trees will all be in bloom. This is the season when two classes of citizens are constantly looking at the clouds noting the direction of the wind, and reading the weather forecasts in the daily press. These are the ones who delight in following the example of Sir Isaac Walton, and the other is the amateur gardener who is preparing to back up some wonderful story of personal agriculture that he is bound to tell some time during the season, with the physical facts. The former is polishing up his fishing tackle, oiling the reels so that they will run smoothly, inspecting lines and sharpening favorite hooks with which he expects to capture the prize bass of the season from one of the numerous lakes about the city. The latter is making a list of all garden seed he intends to plant this year, and even now has some plants growing under glass in a warm spot in his home.

The sanitary department of the city reports that never in its history has Ardmore been as clear of old rubbish and unsightly vacant lots as at present, the campaign inaugurated by Mayor Roberts last fall urging property owners to clean their premises, met with hearty co-operation with the result that it took the city teams several days to haul the rubbish to the dumps, now that the spring months have at last arrived, the mayor is still urging that owners maintain the reputation they established last fall, and make Ardmore a sanitary city. The swat the fly campaign has started, and every one killed now will go a long way toward abating the nuisance later in the season.

Killed by Bomb.

San Antonio, Tex., March 22.—A message from Nuevo Laredo, Sunday night says, that a Carranza sergeant and his corporal were the victims of a bomb explosion this afternoon. They were sitting on a box in front of military headquarters in Nuevo Laredo. The sergeant had a dynamite bomb and tried to pick it open. It exploded and the corporal was blown to bits. The sergeant lost his arm at the shoulder, and is dying.

Collin County Mules Shipped

McKinney, Texas, March 22.—Another car load of Collin county mules was shipped from McKinney Friday morning to Kansas City, Mo., from which place they will be shipped to points in Canada and many will possibly be shipped to the warring nations. Several car loads of mules have been shipped from this county to Europe.

GIRLS WERE BADLY BEATEN SUE RICH MEN

MEMBERS OF WELL KNOWN KENTUCKY FAMILY ATTACKED IN THEIR HOME BY "POSSUM HUNTERS."

Rockport, Ky., March 22.—Damage suits were filed here by Louella and Katherine Webster, members of a well known Kentucky family, who allege they were attacked in their homes by a band of "possum hunters," blindfolded, dragged into the cold and then disrobed by the men, who afterward applied the lash to their backs. The suits are for \$10,000 each and are against thirty-six wealthy Butler county men.

Between sobs the sisters told how they had been mistreated. After the beating, which took place at midnight, they said, they were taken back to their homes and shoved across the threshold, where they fell unconscious.

A special term of the Butler circuit court has been called to try the men indicted by the recent grand jury. It is likely the damage suits will be tried at this term of court. Among the defendants are Jacob Scrum and G. A. Garliner.

"Possum hunters" have caused a reign of terror in this section of Kentucky for more than six months. Additional deputies will be stationed at the court house when the trials are called.

JUDGE ROAN DEAD.

Presiding Judge at Frank Trial is Victim of Cancer.

New York, March 23.—Former Judge L. S. Roan of Atlanta, who tried and sentenced Leo Frank, died in a hospital here today of cancer.

HEAVY LOSS OF FRUIT

Damage to Fruit Crop at Marshall is Estimated at Million Dollars

Marshall, Texas, March 23.—It is believed that the cold weather has caused one million dollars damage to the fruit crop of Harrison county.

FERGUSON ISSUES QUARANTINE

Texas Quarantines Against Smallpox and Yellow Fever.

Austin, Texas, March 23.—Governor Ferguson proclaims a quarantine effective April 1, on the Gulf coast and Rio Grande border against smallpox and yellow fever diseases south of 25 degrees north latitude.

FOUR MORE BUNGALOWS.

W. D. Tallaferro is Building Three for Himself and One for Dr. Potter.

W. D. Tallaferro, who for many years has been a contractor in this city, is showing his faith in Ardmore by doing some building for himself. He has at this time under construction two handsome, modern bungalows on E street, northwest and one on McElish avenue. These three buildings he is constructing for the purpose of leasing to others, as he already has a home on North Washington. He is also building a modern bungalow on McElish avenue for Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Potter.

NEW GROCERY FIRM.

Bryan & Agee Will Occupy the Martin Stand on North Washington.

Under the firm name of Bryan & Agee, W. N. Bryan and J. W. Agee will embark in the grocery business on the first of April. The building now occupied by Martin, the grocer, on North Washington street, has been leased. Mr. Martin will move to his new building on Broadway. Mr. Agee for some time has been local agent for The Daily Oklahoman, and is well known to Ardmore people. Mr. Bryan came here from Selma, Ala. The two men are brothers-in-law. They will operate a strictly cash store.

Kills Self for Woman

Drumright, Okla., March 22.—E. G. Shepard, 27, shot and killed himself here Friday afternoon while in the room of Dollie Reed, with whom Shepard was infatuated. In his pocket was found a note stating, "I took my own life. A woman was the cause of it all." The note was signed by Shepard. During the afternoon he had gone to Miss Reed's room in the Eagle rooming house, and a few minutes after they entered, he stepped before a looking glass, placed a revolver against his head and fired, the ball passing entirely through his head. A coroner's jury returned a verdict of "suicide." Shepard was a tool dresser.

FRUIT CROP IS SLIGHTLY DAMAGED

SOME MAINTAIN THAT THE CROP WILL BE SHORT, WHILE OTHERS SAY THE COLD WEATHER HAD NO EFFECT.

With the passing of last night when it did not freeze after the snow of yesterday, fruit growers here say that the crop has been but slightly injured if at all, and some maintain that the cold weather was had no effect whatever upon the crop, however, the chances are that a good crop will be gathered here this year, as in all probability cold weather that would injure the fruit, will not come again this season.

Nurserymen who have operated in this section for the past year, report a good business and many of the smaller farms are adding an orchard to their places. The absence of organization has been a drawback to the growers close to Ardmore especially in the marketing of the crop, they have made several fine shipments in the past that have paid well, but could have realized more from their crop had it been marketed systematically. The fruit growers are talking of organizing this season in the hope of getting the crop on the market on the same terms as other growers in other states enjoy. The question of baskets and packages has been another problem, but if the acreage in orchards was enlarged here to commercial proportions, a factory for the manufacture of these cartons would be erected here, in fact, H. T. Hunt of this city, stands ready to do so as soon as local conditions warrant the outlay.

The truck growers have organized here and are getting ready to ship a lot of produce the coming season, their first venture will be melons, and they believe that they will make a success of this from the fact that the south Texas crop will be over with about the time the crop here is ready for the market and there is no comparison in the quality of the fruit; local grown melons are firm, of good size, and their flavor cannot be surpassed by melons grown anywhere in the United States. The truck growers organized several months ago, and already they have made arrangements to market their crop.

Dacia Case Complicated.

Washington, March 22.—France has conditioned her offer to buy the cotton cargo of the American steamer Dacia before a prize court at Brest, on the establishment of the American citizenship of its owners. The American embassy in Paris Monday so informed the state department. As that question is now at issue, the case is further complicated.

Constable Held for Trial.

McAlester, Okla., March 22.—John Glen, Scipio constable, was bound over on a charge of murder after a preliminary trial Saturday afternoon for the killing of Wayne Bickle, pool hall keeper. Glen claims self defense, that Bickle opened fire on him, but state's witnesses said Bickle was unarmed. Bickle was shot on the evening of March 6, and died March 13.

VILLA ADVANCES ON MATAMOROS

MEXICAN AT HEAD OF HIS ARMY IS NOW ADVANCING UPON THE BORDER TOWN.

RODERIQUEZ IS VICTOR

Jose Roderiquez, at Head of Four Thousand Troops of Villa Defeats Carranzistas — Zapata Expresses Regret at Killing of McManus.

El Paso, Tex., March 23.—Official advices received here report that the Villista force under Jose Roderiquez has defeated four thousand Carranzistas at Los Herrera, Nuevo Leon and captured many prisoners and much ammunition.

It is reported here that Villa is personally advancing upon Matamoros with his army.

Zapata Expresses Regret.

Washington, March 23.—Secretary Bryan says Zapata expressed regret at the killing of John McManus in Mexico City. Negotiations for payment of an indemnity are progressing satisfactorily.

Houston Paper Suspends.

Houston, Tex., March 23.—The Houston Telegram Publishing company filed a petition in bankruptcy in the federal court today. The publication of the Telegram has been suspended.

McADOO TAKEN HOME.

Secretary of Treasury Must Remain at Home a Month.

Washington, March 23.—Secretary McAdoo of the treasury department was today taken to his home from the hospital, where he was operated upon for appendicitis ten days ago. He must remain quiet for one month, his physician says.

FEAR INVASION OF JAPS

Six Thousand More Japanese Troops Arriving in Manchuria

Pekin, March 23.—Fear is expressed by foreigners and Chinese here over the arrival of six thousand additional Japanese troops in Manchuria, which may cause Chinese-Japanese friction there.

Not of "Minor Character."

Washington, D. C., March 23.—President Wilson today said he did not consider the United States' inquiry to Japan concerning Japan's demands on China as of "minor character," as is stated in the Tokio dispatches.

DEATH OF FRED SCHEPPEY

Remains will be Taken to Fort Smith. Estate Worth \$15,000

Fred Scheppey who is well known in Carter county, died last night in Norman. He had been taken to that city two years ago, and placed in the state hospital in hopes of restoring him to health. He was about 84 years of age and had lived in this country for the past 40 years. His second wife who was of Indian blood, died several years ago. He took a part of his allotment in the mountains and sold the property now being used by the big crushers, for \$11,000. His estate is worth about \$15,000, consisting of \$2,000 worth of stock in the Berwyn bank, a home in Berwyn, and a farm near there on the Washita river. Five years ago he gave F. W. Fisher a letter with the request that it be not opened until after his death. Mr. Fisher opened the letter this morning. It made the request that his body be sent to Fort Smith for burial. He has a son buried there and a daughter who lives in that city. Mr. Fisher wired the Norman parties to embalm the body and hold it for orders, and wired the daughter, notifying her. Mr. Scheppey was a German. He was a most excellent citizen. He was a charter member of the Masonic lodge organized a great many years ago at Dougherty.

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